

## The Political Trials in South Carolina.

New York Sun.

The Republican National Committee at Washington adopted the other day a resolution declaring that they viewed with regret and indignation "the recent attempts to suppress human rights and to destroy free suffrage and an honest counting of ballots in various States by methods at war with humanity and civilization."

At the same time all the powers of the Federal Government that could be brought to bear for that purpose was being applied in South Carolina to the prosecution of numerous Democrats, who were charged with complicity in just such attempts as this resolution denounced.

The cases were tried in the United States Circuit Court at Columbia before a Republican Judge and Republican jurors. According to the correspondents of our esteemed contemporary, the New York Times, "the Government was represented by District Attorney MELTON, EMORY SPZER of Georgia, two special agents from Washington, and two writing machines." This array succeeded in excluding from the jury box every Democratic juror whose name was called. Notwithstanding all these advantages the prosecution was unsuccessful in every one of the three cases tried; two were mistrials, and in the third the Judge directed the jury to acquit. The charges were in the shape of informations filed by the District Attorney, and were not founded upon indictments. "There was not a case before the court," says the Times correspondent, "that a fair Grand Jury would not have thrown out."

The utter failure of these political trials in South Carolina, which is thus made particularly prominent by the leading Republican newspaper in the United States, is a timely and destructive comment on the absurd and unfounded resolution of the Republican National Committee. The result must also suggest certain doubts to the mind of the President. If the affairs of the Department of Justice were administered with sagacity or good sense, would the Government officers have persisted in prosecutions which prove to be so entirely without any adequate evidence to sustain them?

### Kansas City vs. St. Louis.

St. Joseph Gazette.

If John the Baptist should land suddenly in St. Louis and cry out: "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" the old town would reply: "Guess there's no hurry; we'll have a meeting on change directly and see what arrangements we can make with the St. Louis freight bureau."—Kansas City Times.

Oh, no. If John the Baptist should appear in St. Louis to inform us that the kingdom of heaven was at hand we would inform him that, for Missouri purposes, he represented the wrong kingdom. A state with 80,000 democratic majority is in no condition to become a part of the kingdom of heaven, because it is already a part of the other kingdom. John the Baptist would stand very little chance in Kansas City, or in Jackson or Clay county. They'd turn Frank James loose on him to "hold him up" for his locusts and wild honey.—Globe-Democrat.

Fie! Colonel McCullagh. This is not steel fit for your hand. That great, big, growing, audacious, pushing, thriving, devil-may-care "village" at the mouth of the Kaw twists St. Louis on her well recognized slowness and foggyism—twists it in a keen, sharp, business-like way, so thoroughly in keeping with Kansas City, and all the reply its great newspaper can make is the state's democratic majority and Frank James.

Suppose, Mr. Globe-Democrat, since you are referring to robbers, that you were traveling through a wood. You had in your pocket a fortune of greenbacks. You had strapped about you two good six-shooters. A solitary footman should appear, halt you, demand your money, and proceed to take it. Would you attempt to resist that man, and appease that man, and disarm that man by blubbering? "Oh! I've got a canary at home—I've got a canary at home!" And yet a canary bird would have about as much to do with keeping you from being robbed as Frank James and Missouri's democratic majority have to do with St. Louis' supineness, laziness and utter want of business enterprise.

If St. Louis chooses to meet thus every assault made upon her commercial supremacy by such a powerful antagonist as Chicago, and babble of democratic majorities and the James boys every time such a merciless crusader as Kansas City prods her under the fifth rib, it were better that some sort of an upheaval made the river solid in her front, and that instead of hoping to become the pride and the metropolis of the great west, she contented herself with an Illinois dress, and the knowledge that she was a "pretty pert suburb of Belleville."

### The Old Story.

Boston Globe.

Girl in a blaze; man in a maze. Girl accusing; man confusing. Girl storms; man warms. Girl quickens attack; man tries to talk back. Man repents (?). Girl relents. Girl cries; man lies. Girl beams; man schemes. Girl forgives; man—still lives. And with two Irving tickets, an opera promise and a pound of caramels, makes himself as solid as the democratic platform.

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## Mr. Keifer Turns Red.

Mr. Keifer assumed to be the leader on the republican side of the house on the very first day of the session. The word was quietly passed about among a few of the leading republicans that when the first opportunity presented itself Mr. Keifer should be deposed from his self-assumed position. The opportunity came the 19th and was very promptly embraced. Mr. Keifer was kicked hard. He blocked out the course for the republicans to take by opposing the swearing-in of Mr. Skinner of North Carolina. Mr. Hiscock of New York caused a slight sensation by taking exactly the opposite ground in a speech, and the sensation was intensified when Mr. Belford of Colorado followed in the same strain. Mr. Reed of Maine took the floor, and for two minutes took Mr. Keifer's side of the argument, as Mr. Keifer evidently expected he would; then he suddenly changed and proved that Mr. Keifer's position was all wrong.

Mr. Keifer's usually white face was as red as fire and he seemed scarcely able to keep his seat. It was evident

to everybody that the republicans had bolted from his leadership. He tried to make the fall easier by withdrawing his opposition to the swearing-in of Mr. Skinner, but as soon as that ceremony was accomplished there was another bolt. Mr. Keifer proposed to refer the North Carolina contest in the usual way to the committee on elections, but Mr. Hiscock wanted an immediate report upon the legal question involved. Upon a test vote upon this proposition Mr. Keifer was the only republican voting for his own resolutions. All the democrats went his way, but upon his own side of the house only he and "Calamity" Weller, the Iowa independent, were standing.

It has been no secret for some time that Messrs. Cannon, Hiscock, Reed and other strong republicans were dissatisfied with Mr. Keifer's leadership, and it is not likely that the Ohio man will attempt the role again.

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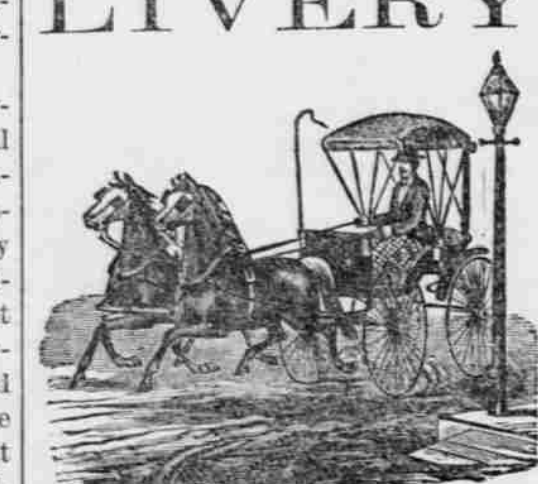
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